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1. On 20 July 1952, 8 officers and 488 soldiers and, on 23 July, 730 soldiers arrived at the Houstrolitz (N 54/U 54) railroad station and subsequently marched to the Neue Infanterie Kaserne. *

2. Between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 23 July, a column of sidecar motorcycles each occupied by three soldiers armed with submachine guns were seen proceeding on the road from Vietzen (N 54/U 33) to Roebel (N 54/U 24). Ten sidecar motorcycles mounted machine guns. The last three motorcycles mounted antennas. Three camouflaged trucks each towing a gun were also seen. Between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 25 July, about 30 sidecar motorcycles of the type seen on 23 July proceeded from Roebel to Vietzen.

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* Comment. The soldiers were probably recruits. Recruits have been observed arriving in Eastern Germany since mid-July 1952.

** Comment. the column probably belonged to the Third Shock Army. A reconnaissance unit of the 18th Necz Div possibly practiced in the area north of the Wittstock troop training grounds.

seven trains went from Magdeburg, Altengrabow, Rathenow, Baldensleben and Wittenberge to Mayenburg and Ganzlin on 6 and 7 July. They probably carried, among others, units of the Third Shock Army. These units may still have been in the area west of Mueritz Lake on 25 July.

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